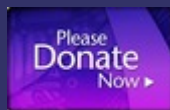




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#### [Public Practice Schedule](#)

##### **Monday**

7:00 am Zazen

7:40 am Morning Chanting Service

6:00 pm Zazen

6:40 pm Evening Chanting Service

##### **Tuesday- Friday**

6:00 am Zazen

6:40 am Kinhin (walking  
meditation)

6:50 am Zazen

7:20 am Chanting Service

7:40 am Soji (brief temple

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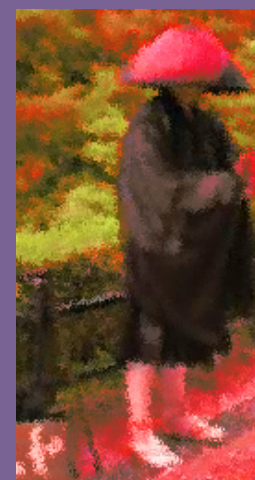
### **Fallen flowers throughout the season**

...Xiangyan built a hut... On day while taking a break to  
sweep a path, at the moment a pebble shot up and knocked  
against the bamboo, the great matter suddenly became clear. The  
he composed a verse saying:

With one blow, subject and object vanish.  
I no longer practice to solve things on my own.  
In all my activities I celebrate the ancient path,  
And do not fall into passivity.

... Master Xiangyan... is like a steep  
precipice in the ocean of our study. People  
of today should deeply appreciate the  
fragrant traces of (this) Teacher.

I, Eihei, humbly continue the verse... as an  
expression of Master Xiangyan



cleaning)

6:00 pm Zazen

6:40 pm Chanting Service

Thursdays Study Hour 7:30pm

### Saturday

6:30 am Zazen

7:10 am Chanting Service

7:25 am Soji

8:30 am Drop-in instruction

9:25 am Zazen

10:15 am Dharma Talk

11:00 am Refreshments/Social

He inadvertently swept up a pebble on an ancient path.

What was it like, first hearing the sound of bamboo?

At this very time, what will you say?

Although the four oceans are boundless,

we add in the dew from the grass.

Before eight years are over, an utterance is born.

Great assembly, please tell me, how can you discern the virtue of these... venerable ones?

*After a pause Dogen said:* A hundred thousand shards of mirror no longer shine. Flowers fallen and scattered never return up the branch.

[Dogen's Extensive Record, Eihei Koroku — Tr. Dan Leighton & Shohaku Okumura](#)





### HIV Meditation Sitting Group

weekly meditation group for those living with HIV, their friends, families, community supporters & anyone who wants to join us!  
Thursdays & Fridays

10:30 am zazen

11:00 am garden socializing

Meditation in Recovery

About Rev. Myo Lahey & Abbot Rinso Ed Sattizahn (City Center- SFZC) @ SFZC after Myo's lecture on the Sixth Ancestor and the Platform Sutra — Photo by Tom Hawkins

## Upcoming Events:

Dharma Talks- [Rev. Myō Lahey](#) - May 10,17,24,31 @10:15am

Guest Speaker Saturdays - May 3 [Elaine Donlin](#); June 7 [Konin Cardenas](#), July 19 [Renshin Bunce](#); July 26 [Jamie Howell](#); August 16 [Hobu Beata Chapman](#); August 30 [Mark Lancaster](#); September 13 [Jisan Tova Green](#); October 11 [Laura Burges](#) December 27 [Mark Lancaster](#)

Full Moon Ceremony - The full Flower Moon (other names include the Full Corn Planting Moon, or the Milk Moon) Saturday, May 11 @ 11am

Sangha Council - Saturday, May 11, 2014 @ 12:30pm

Founder's Memorial - Issan's Memorial is generally on the 6th of the month, & the memorial for Philip Whalen is generally on the 26th @ 6:40pm

Study Hour - Book of Serenity, we have books to share, we read together, feel free to drop-in - Thursdays @7:30pm

Next Board of Directors' Meeting - Second Wednesdays of the month May 14th @7:30pm You're welcome to attend & observe.

Hartford Street Sangha practice week at Tassajara - July 8th through the 11th, 2014. The male available rooms are all filled, we have 2 spots left for female attendees.

Winter Study Period - (similar to a practice period) is planned to kick off around Sejiki (Late October) and run through Rohatsu and the Winter Light 5 day retreat (Early December).

Hartford Street Zendo Closure - Monday, May 26, 2014

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**Words From Our Abbot: Rev Myō Lahey**

(Men & Women)  
weekly meditation group for men &  
women in recovery from addiction

**Fridays, 7:30 pm - 9 pm**

**Women's Meditation in  
Recovery**

**(Women only)**  
monthly meditation group for  
women in recovery from addiction.

**First Thurs, 7:15 pm -8:45 pm**

## **Is there anyone? Is there any one? Is there anybody? Is there any body?**

This is not idle questions for Buddhists, if that's what we are. In the [Blue Cliff Record](#) it says "desist, cease and desist and an iron tree will produce new blossoms". And then it asks is there anybody? Even if were clever, like the clever lad in the story from the... prophets. Although the clever soul, the clever kid is free seven ways side to side and eight ways up and down. He can't avoid having someone put a ring through his nose. This may not be so bad though, a Bodhisattva has a great big ring in her nose and on it and its says in Sanskrit or Chinese "pull me. Tell me where you want me to go".

I think it was Yangshan the great T'ang dynasty teacher who said he was going to come back as a water buffalo. And he described what the water buffalo would look like so people would know. He would have a patch or white or something. But still being led around by the nose is not so easy you know? I find it quite difficult. It kind of hurts when someone is pulling the nose ring, it's a little uncomfortable. And I think in the west, that discomfort sends particular signals that something is terribly wrong and that we are being terribly taken advantage of.

Does that mean we are the Universe's welcome mats? Well, not really. But sometimes we are when the welcome mat is what's needed. But that's not always the case. Sometimes a Tyrannosaurus Rex is what is needed.

Anyway we have all these teachings; I forget what the traditional number is. It's something like uh, I don't know, 80,000 volumes. You can just imagine all these scrolls stacked floor to ceiling some place. When we were in Japan last October, we were at this Monastery that has this traditional scripture library that houses the Buddhist Canon and usually it's a temple building and inside there a kind of octagonal structure kind of tower, about 12-15 feet high and has these spokes coming out and it's on a revolving base so that you can go in and push against them and turn the whole thing. This is a way of reciting the Sutras all at once. And they invited us as Western Monks to this ceremony where they do that and they invited Westerners to do that, to turn the Sutras which was nice gesture, to turn all 80,000 volumes or whatever is in there.

In the end though you have to leave those Sutras where they are and go into the world. You can't carry them around with you. When they are your own

body and your own flesh then it's a little different. If you're carrying them though, they get very heavy, very fast. This is the Zen more.

#### HSZC Talk - July 1, 2006

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#### **Bodhisattva news:**

**Paul Lee** will be participating in the AIDS Walk 2014 with Team Maitri-Donations welcome and appreciated by [visiting here](#).

Mitsu Suzuki Sensei's - 100th Birthday card from HSZC has been organized by **Sheryl Leaf & Sundo, Tom Hawkins**, deep gratitude for this effort!

**Shogan, Tom Hawkins** - For organizing and working continuously on arrangements for the HSZC practice week at Tassajara.

**Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock and Jen Birkette** - for continue garden labor to create our back yard oasis

**To All Sangha who** were able to and thus showed up at SFZC to support Rev Myo's lecture!





### Sangha Member Muse -

When I worry that I have offended you,  
Am I worried about your feelings, or what I think you are thinking?  
I want you to flatten me like a truck,  
ride on your shoulders and lift your feet with my palms,  
In darkness behind the whisper of distant stars...

-- Tiantong (Tendo), Chris Fletcher

### Other Holidays or Events:

[May Day / International Workers Day](#) - Thur, May 1

[Cinco de Mayo](#) - Mon, May 5th

[Mother's Day](#) - Sun, May 11

[Bike to Work Day](#) - Fri, May 16

[Memorial Day](#) - Mon, May 26

### Ron Myers of HSZC Sangha will have artwork in an upcoming Exhibition

May 2nd through May 31st 2014 @ 111 Minna Gallery



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